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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of)	Confirmation No. 5063
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For: MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF BACTEREMIA)	

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 22, 2006, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims in view of the remarks and evidence of record. Claims 2, 4-23, and 33-34 are pending. Claims 2, 4-22, and 33 stand rejected. Claims 23 and 34 are allowed.

We believe no fee is due for consideration of this response. If any fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.